

## The Air Force Strings

The Air Force Strings travel frequently throughout the country to perform for military and civilian audiences. As the Strolling Strings perform primarily for military functions, programming a public concert with both string orchestra and strolling repertoire enables the group to share strolling with civilian audiences. Attending a performance which features the String Orchestra on the first half of the program and the Strolling Strings on the second half is a pleasantly unique experience that audience members are not likely to encounter elsewhere. On January 21, members of the unit interacted with string students at Northern High School in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, where they presented a string orchestra clinic. That evening, the Strings performed a string orchestra/strolling concert at Trinity Lutheran Church featuring MSgt Deborah Volker, violinist, in Vivaldi's *Spring* from *The Four Seasons*. MSgt Volker is an alumna of Lansdale High School and was pleased to play for her hometown crowd. The following week, the group headed to Florida, where they strolled for military members on Patrick Air Force Base near Cocoa Beach. On January 31, the Strings took advantage of their location to perform a public concert at Brevard Community College in Cocoa.

After participating in the four February concerts of the 2000 Guest Artist Series, the Strings will help to finish the series during March. Also in March and continuing into April, the Strolling Strings will share their talents with military members at Tinker, Barksdale and Scott Air Force Bases in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Illinois respectively. The String Orchestra will travel to Fork Union, Virginia, to perform at Fluvanna High School at 7 p.m. on March 22. The Orchestra will also present three concerts in April. On April 9 at 7:30 p.m., come out to Springfield United Methodist Church in Springfield, Virginia, for a concert featuring string orchestra and strolling repertoire. The group will present an 8 p.m. concert on April 15 at Charles County Community College in La Plata, Maryland. Warsaw, Virginia, is the next site for a concert, when the Strings give a 7:30 p.m. performance at Richmond Elementary School on April 18.

CMSgt William Popp, accordionist, is recognized for performing on January 14 and 15, with the 20th Century Consort at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. The 20th Century Consort became the resident ensemble for contemporary music at the Smithsonian Institute in 1978, and features principal players of the National Symphony Orchestra and other prominent musicians. CMSgt Popp performed on accordion, glockenspiel and the chimes. -TSgt Erin Eyles

## Personnel Matters

### Auditions

The following is a list of upcoming auditions for The United States Air Force Band. Please pass this information on to anyone who might be interested in a career with "America's Band."

MARCH 22, 2000  
Tuba - Concert Band  
APRIL 10, 2000  
Trumpet - Concert Band and Ceremonial Brass

We also have immediate openings for:

Bassoon - Concert Band  
Audio Engineer - Technical Support

### Promotions

To Chief Master Sergeant:  
David James, Logistics and Supply

To Senior Master Sergeant:  
Stuart "Chip" Clemmer, Silver Wings

### New Arrivals

TSgt Julianna Evans, clarinet, Concert Band  
TSgt John Romano, clarinet, Concert Band  
TSgt David Stump, clarinet, Concert Band

### Departures

CMSgt Joseph Taylor Jr., band manager, retirement  
MSgt David Aspinwall, Concert Band, separation  
TSgt Lawrence Burke, Concert Band, separation  
TSgt David Farwig, Singing Sergeants, separation

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